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Statement by Economic Affairs Committee Chair Hukill on CS/HB 5005 & 5007 Passing House Appropriations Committee

Legislation Aimed at Eliminating or Streamlining Regulations Now Available to be Placed on Special Order

Tallahassee, Fla. – Representative Dorothy Hukill (R-Port Orange), chair of the House Economic Affairs Committee, today released the following statement regarding CS/HB 5005 and 5007 passing the House Appropriations Committee.

"I applaud the House Appropriations Committee for passing this good legislation out of committee today and recognizing the stifling effect that onerous regulation has on private sector growth in our state.

"Regulation too frequently goes beyond its primary function of protecting the health, safety and welfare of our state's citizens and instead serves only to restrict healthy competition, create obstacles for would-be entrepreneurs and limit the expansion of existing businesses.

"Additionally, the cost to a business that is associated with regulation and licensure is substantial and can significantly impact a business's bottom line, often hindering the possibility for growth or expansion. Through the comprehensive deregulation that is proposed in House Bills 5005 and 5007 the private sector will realize cost-savings totaling more than \$11 million, thus freeing up a considerable amount of revenue that a business can use to grow and not only retain current employees, but in some cases, give businesses the opportunity to add additional jobs."

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